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## CHAPTER I.

### Vanished in Air.

**D**ARKNESS everywhere. All over Manhattan, except for the white glare chiseling the gloom above Broadway, the blackness of night hung obliteratingly. A slight spring shower added to the gloom. The electric arc sputtered in confined radiations of light above the rainy pavements of Fifth avenue and the blank, staring blackness of Central Park seemed to reach across the thoroughfare and blot out the roof line of Millionaires' Row.

The passing policeman was utterly unconscious of the shapeless black mass that swayed against the inky sky above a certain mansion. If he could have seen the strange scene being enacted on the roof he would have stopped to stare. Thousands would have paid for the privilege of seeing the sight which no eye witnessed.

Rising from the flat roof of the house heaved the bag of a balloon. The ball bottom was swollen to full roundness. At the bottom it was connected to a thick gas pipe, the movable arm of which extended through the scuttles of the roof. Hanging over the pipe, turning on the flow, was a man who moved about on tiptoe, his form muffled from head to foot.

Why this mystery and this strange place for filling a balloon?

One look at the first shadowed by a tourist's cap, might explain much. It was a strong, full face, smooth shaven, with a straight, firm mouth above a prominent nose. Shaggy brows, a faded fearless eyes, a solid head of iron-gray hair covered the scalp. A square chin terminated the face. It was the face of Cortlandt Blake, the Wall Street Colonist.

That in itself was explanation sufficient. The two-handed holder of financial battles who had ruled many victories from great struggles was but the adventurous farmer's boy he had been grown tall. By his position in financial circles denied the adventurous life he had led, the red blooded farmer's boy he had been reserved his advanced age for him to break over conventionalities—and in this extreme fashion.

How Wall street stocks would tremble if it were even whispered that Cortlandt Blake, the money emperor, had attempted a balloon ascension! Even though he was supposed to be living a retired life in his town and country places, the world of finance knew that his hand guided from the background the big affairs of his stock manipulations.

Nobody could be trusted in the secret. He had purchased his outfit, but

by him, in such a roundabout manner that the dealer did not know to whom he was selling the air car, and Blake's own servants were ignorant that he had smuggled it into the house.

Blake had guarded his secret ambition jealously because of its bearing on his business and because he feared the comment of the world. A wide-eyed, fastidious man, his daughter, about to graduate from Vassar College, and he with no taste for fashionable society, Blake's pent-up craving for adventure, sharpened by a secluded life, had driven him on until this balloon fact, the fate of the unfortunate scullion-foreman just urged on the million-dollar adventure.

The little car was anchored to the roof beams in such a way that it could be cast off at a moment's notice. Blake's plan was simple—to sail over the city until satisfied, then to bring the balloon down in a quiet spot, bribe some home it landed, and to hide the balloon until it could be packed and secretly released or destroyed. Blake would have had his adventure and none would be the wiser but himself.

He did not know that the winds and circumstances he could not control were weaving events which would make him the centre of the greatest secret mystery of his own time. Had he sent away all the servants, or would he have had all the signs of his preparation look back into the upper room the maverick length of his pipe—an idea of his own which he used his gas bills would hide—and was ready to close the scuttles and cast off when the doorknob rang long and sharply. Blake swore. Who could it be? For a moment he hesitated, he hesitated, considering, and was lost. He descended the scuttle stairs.

Robert Remington viewed Long Acre Square with unseeing eyes. The brilliant lights of the Hotel Astor, the Criterion, New York and Victoria Theatres, communicated no brightness to his troubled spirit.

Lonely and lonely. That brief word in an instant seemingly snapped their close friendship and dashed Remington's hopes. Two years before Remington had become Blake's private secretary. The young man's worth, proved by constant calls upon it, had raised him high in the magnate's esteem. Blake had generously rewarded the ability of Remington, had taken him into his household and treated him almost as he would a son.

Then, suddenly, all had been changed. The millionaire learned that Remington was deeply in love with his daughter,



Part of the action of to-day's instalment occurs in the vicinity of the scene photographed here. What scene is it?

ter, and that she returned his affection. They had kept it secret. Jesse Blake was still in college and Remington had his way to make. But a hint from the girl in a letter had caused her father to call Remington before him that afternoon. A strained, unhappy interview followed.

Blake did not rage, but calmly ordered Remington to cease any attention to Jesse. Remington refused and the conversation ended with the younger man rushing angrily from the house. He had faced and been driven into colder brooding. The dinner he had ordered went almost untouched. He was still bitter when he strolled from the brilliant dining-room into the Great White Lane.

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